

“Are We Truly Thankful?” based on Luke 17:11-19

Story of distressed man and prayer

We all understand and appreciate the importance of ‘gratitude’. That’s the theme of the story about the 10 lepers, of which only one returned to give thanks.

- In the midst of our problems, there’s always something to be thankful for. Ex. Hymn we just sang, “Now Thank We All Our God”
- Author Daniel Defoe gave some wise advice, listing his problems and blessings
- In the midst of our problems, thanksgiving needs to be expressed. In the Gospel story, only one felt the need. What happened to the other 9?
- Typical of American culture

The one who did return was the one who would have been least expected – a Samaritan, a foreigner, a gentile, an outcast, one considered ‘unholy’. But he received not only physical healing, but spiritual healing – his faith had made him well!

- Remember the words of St. Paul: “Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything, for this is the will of God in Christ concerning you.” It is God’s will to give thanks!